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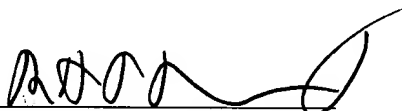
PATENT APPLICATION
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

The Transmittal Letter and authorization to charge the requisite government fee for the addition of the new claims.

In light of the amendments and remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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